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1. At Sacrow (Z-63), three kilometers northeast of Potsdam on the southern end of the Sacrower See, is located an SED Party school, which in August 1947 was conducting six-months courses for journalists. The director of the school was Meschkat.

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2. Entrants do not have to fulfil any specific educational pre-requisites, but they must have at least a six-months active membership in SED, with regular participation in meetings and discussions. The school charges no fees, and students are given No. 2 rations, without payment.

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3. Courses are conducted entirely by leading SED functionaries and by members of the occupation forces. Eight hours of instruction is given daily, five purely political and three specialized. Specialized instruction includes the following subjects:

- a. Newspapers and news dissemination in the Soviet Zone.
- b. The conception "polemic" (political and General); practical direction of polemics.
- c. Political combat articles.
- d. Style and construction of general articles and reports.
- e. Style and content of propagandist articles and reports.
- f. Reading of international papers and periodicals (in translation).

4. The political instruction covers an introduction to the principles of Marxism, its teachings and aims, and SED functions in relation to it from the theoretical, material, and political point of view. The following aims are discussed:

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- a. Theoretical: greatest possible dissemination of Marxist teachings, with the aim of obtaining for the working class the position it requires to prevent the oppression of workers (dictatorship of the proletariat).
  - b. Material: improvement of working class conditions on the principle of equal wages and equal rights for all; control of the means of production through destruction of capitalism and through uncompromising socialization.
  - c. Political: support of the Soviet Union in its fight against the capitalist states; organization of opposition auxiliary groups with the aid of the occupation power; presenting this view to the population by every means.
5. At the completion of the course, students are placed within a month, and in every case, in the Party press or in so-called super-party papers most closely allied to SED. In time students who have successfully completed the course are to be placed with the leading Socialist (Communist) papers of the western zones.

25X1   Comment: Similar training has been reported at Georgenburg near Insterburg in East Prussia, and at the Greifswald and Königsberg schools. Another school of similar nature is located at Torgau.)

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